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Long Island Council of Churches Names New Executive Director

Reverend Dyanne Pina Named to Position Effective June 1 - Succeeding Rev. Tom Goodhue



Hempstead, NY - April 26, 2016 -- The Long Island Council of Churches (LICC) appointed the Reverend Dyanne Pina (Islip) to the position of Executive Director, effective June 1, 2016. She succeeds the retiring ED, the Reverend Thomas Goodhue, who will retire at the end of June after serving in the position for more than 17 years.

The LICC is the coordinating body for the ecumenical work of churches throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. For over three and one-half decades, the LICC has been an effective center for the coordination, referral and assistance for low-to-moderate income Long Islanders. Through the Council's extensive network of social support

resources and its ability to mobilize the volunteer and advocacy efforts of nearly 800 faith communities, LICC is uniquely qualified to respond to the emergency needs of the least fortunate throughout our region.

Immediately preceding her hiring by the LICC, Reverend Dyanne Pina served as assistant to the senior pastor in the United Methodist Church in Islip.

Reverend Pina brings extensive experience to the LICC position. She has clinical ministry and non-profit experience, including executive and management positions with the American Cancer Society (Boston), Methodist Hospital of Southern California, and North Shore LIJ Health System (now "Northwell") on Long Island.

Reverend Pina graduated from Boston University with a degree in communications. She earned her Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena California. She is an ordained Baptist minister and is currently in the process of transferring her ordination to the United Methodist Church. In addition, she is a moderator for IMPACT, a public forum for the Bay Shore community to help people cope and share ways to cultivate calmness in a chaotic world.

Commenting on her appointment, current Executive Director Thomas Goodhue said, "It has been a great joy to serve the Council for the past seventeen years. Doing ecumenical and interreligious work full-time has been a wonderful opportunity to meet people from whom I have learned something every day. I hope that Dyanne enjoys it as much as I have."

Commenting on her appointment, Reverend Pina said: "I am honored to join the Council, which has been the bedrock of ecumenical collaboration providing multi-faceted advocacy and resources programs for hunger and poverty to over 47,000 families and individuals in Nassau and Suffolk counties each year. My goal is to build upon an incredible legacy of support and service, leveraging the largest ecumenical and inter-faith organization in the Long Island region."

Rev. Pina was introduced to the Council's members at its May 5, 2016 Annual Meeting at 1st Presbyterian Church in Smithtown, where the Rev. Adrienne Brewington, Long Island District Superintendent for the United Methodist Church and the Rev. Mark Tammen, General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Long Island, spoke about clergy transitions.

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